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SUBJ: US-USSR OCEANOGRAPHY AGREEMENT: JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: A. STATE 106696; B. STATE 105385

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INFORM DR. DONALD MARTINEAU, NOAA, THAT EMBOFF MET WITH METAL'NIKOV LATE AFTER-NOON MAY 7 TO DISCUSS PLANNING FOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING DRAWING ON POINTS IN REF B. EMBOFF ALSO INFORMED METAL'NIKOV OF US REACTION TO DRAFT PROGRAM AND AGENDA (REF A) ON MAY 8.

2. DESPITE PREVIOUS ASSURANCES RECEIVED BY EMBASSY AND MARTINEAU, METAL'NIKOV NOW STATES THAT ACADEMICIAN VINOGRADOV WILL BE OCCUPIED WITH OFFICIAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES MATTERS ON MAY 26 AND 27. THEREFORE OPENING PLENARY SESSION WILL HAVE TO BE ON MAY 28. VINOGRADOV WILL BE ABLE TO MEET WITH DR. WHITE FOR PRIVATE MEETING THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 27. IN THIS CASE, ENTIRE MEETING PROGRAM WILL SLIP BY ONE DAY, BUT WILL CONCLUDE ON MAY 30 IF MAY 29 USED FOR JOINT MEETINGS RATHER THAN VISITS IN MOSCOW. METAL'NIKOV STRESSED THAT, ALTHOUGH IT UNFORTUNATE THAT VINOGRADOV'S SCHEDULE WILL DELAY START OF JOINT MEETING, THIS CANNOT BE CHANGED.

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3. SOVIETS AGREE TO MAY 26 ARRIVAL OF DELEGATION, BUT METAL'NIKOV VERY MUCH REGRETS MARTINEAU, OSTENSO AND JENNINGS ARE NOT ABLE TO ARRIVE MAY 25 FROM COPENHAGEN. METAL'NIKOV SUGGESTS AEROFLOT FLIGHT FROM COEPNHAGEN ON MAY 25 IF ONE AVAILABLE.

4. METAL'NIKOV STRONGLY PROPOSES THAT POST MEETING TOUR BEGIN MORNING MAY 31, AS DEPARTURE EVENING OF JUNE 6 WOULD BE COMPLICATED. ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AIRCRAFT WITH SEATS FOR 25 PASSENGERS WILL BE USED FOR TOUR. HOWEVER, METAL'NIKOV REQUESTS THAT ALL DELEGATION MEMBERS AND ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS OBTAIN AEROFLOT OPEN TICKETS FOR ITINERARY IN THE EVENT THAT THE CHARTERED AIRCRAFT COULD NOT BE USED AT THE LAST MINUTE.

5. METAL'NIKOV REQUESTS NAMES OF THOSE DELEGATION MEMBERS WHO PLANNING TO RETURN TO MOSCOW ON JUNE 4.

6. REGARDING VISAS FOR DELEGATION, METAL'NIKOV SAID THAT SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SHOULD BE ABLE TO ISSUE THEM MIDDLE OF COMING WEEK. HOWEVER, HE WISHES TO KNOW WHICH DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL BE IN WESTERN EUROPE AND IN WHAT CITIES THEY WILL BE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW. THIS NECESSARY IN CASE MEMBERS DEPART THE US WITHOUT RECEIVING THEM IN WASHINGTON AND MUST OBTAIN THEM AT SOVIET EMBASSIES ABROAD.

7. SCICOUNS PLANS TO MEET WITH METAL'NIKOV MAY 12 TO REVIEW AGENDA AGAIN IN LIGHT OF US SUGGESTIONS IN REF A. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS WHICH SCICOUNS SHOULD BRING TO METAL'NIKOV'S ATTENTION.
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